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BRIDGWATER.

January, 1937.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Bridgwater Port Sanitary Authority.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Report for the  
year ending December 31st, 1936.

The health of the Port has been satisfactory  
throughout the year, no case of infectious disease having  
been reported.

The altered arrangements for Hospital  
accommodation, rendered necessary by the closing of the  
Flat Holm and Bridgwater Borough Isolation Hospitals,  
will be found in Table IV.

The Sanitary Inspector's Report is appended.

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Bridgwater Port Sanitary Authority.

Sir,

I have to report that during the year ending 31st December, 1936, the usual inspection of vessels arriving at the Port has been fully maintained, and the results are set out in the Report submitted.

All defects enumerated were put right previous to the vessels leaving Port, without the issuing of any Statutory Notices.

The Declaration of Health forms have been supplied to Masters of vessels from foreign ports by Pilots when boarding, and have been received, duly completed, on arrival.

No Rats have been found to exist on board any vessel during the year.

JAMES SMART

Sanitary Inspector.





T A B L E    "A".

AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE PORT DURING THE YEAR **1936**

		Number.	Tonnage.	Number inspected		Number reported to be defective	Number of vessels on which defects were remedied.
				By the Medical Officer of Health.	By the Sanitary Inspector		
Foreign	Steamers -	17	9,724	10	17	6	6
	* Motor -	4	1,491	-	4	1	1
	Sailing -	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Fishing -	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Foreign -		21	11,215	10	21	7	7
Coastwise	Steamers -	670	61,246	-	200	9	9
	* Motor -	121	7,554	-	59	7	7
	Sailing -	16	944	-	10	-	-
	Fishing -	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Coastwise -		807	70,344	-	269	16	16
Total Foreign and Coastwise -		828	81,559	10	290	23	23

\* Includes mechanically propelled vessels other than steamers.





## II. CHARACTER OF TRADE OF PORT.

### (a) Passenger Traffic during the year.

Table B. not submitted, as there is no passenger traffic in the Port of Bridgwater.

### (b) Cargo Traffic.

Principal Imports - Timber, Basic Slag, Apples, Generals, Salt, Flour, Coal, Sand, Stones, and Cement.

Principal Exports - Bath Bricks, Bricks, Tiles, Cement, Wheat, and English Timber.

### (c) Foreign Ports from which vessels arrive.

Russia - Archangel.      Finland - Rafso, Borgo, Weburgh, Trangsund.

Norway - Haldon, Roumo, Lithonia - Tallin. Narva.

Sweden - Skoghall, Hudiksvall, Sundsvall, Doniogo, Kallsapur.

Belgium - Antwerp.      France - Honfleur.

## III. SOURCE OF WATER SUPPLY.

### (a) For the Port, and (b) For Shipping.

Bridgwater Corporation Supply.

### (c) Number of water boats, etc.

No water boats in the Port.

## IV. PORT SANITARY REGULATIONS, 1936.

- (1) The Declarations of Health are handed to the Sanitary Inspector on the arrival of vessels.
- (2) The vessels are boarded by the Sanitary Inspector immediately after the Custom House Officer.
- (3) The information is obtained from the Pilots by the Sanitary Inspector, who communicates with the Medical Officer of Health by telephone.
- (4) (a) The North side of the Bridgwater Dock.  
(b) The vessels will be breasted off the quay with gangways off at the place of mooring - discharge or loading.
- (5) Standing exemptions issued to
  - (a) Vessels unhealthy by reason of minor infectious disorders on board, e. g. Measles, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Tuberculosis, and Pneumonia.
  - (b) Vessels otherwise clean which have arrived from a listed port in an infectious area.
- (6) None.



## II. CHARACTER OF TRAFFIC OF PORT.

(a) Passenger traffic during the year.

Table B. Not submitted, as there is no passenger traffic in the Port of Bridgewater.

(b) Cargo traffic.

Principal Imports - Timber, Basic slag, Apples, Cement, Salt, Flour, Coal, Sand, Stones, and Cement.

Principal Exports - Bath Bricks, Bricks, Tiles, Cement, Wheat, and Regrind Timber.

(c) Foreign Ports from which vessels arrive.

Russia - Archangel, Finland - Helsinki, Bergen, Varna, and Trondheim.

Norway - Haugesund, Helsingfors, and Tallinn.

Sweden - Stockholm, Goteborg, and Karlskrona.

Belgium - Antwerp, France - Rouen.

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(4) (a) The North side of the Bridgewater Dock.

(b) The vessels will be pressed off the quay with gangways off at the place of mooring - discharge or loading.

(5) Standing exemptions issued to

(a) Vessels exempted by reason of minor infectious diseases on board, e.g. Measles, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Typhoid, and Typhus.

(b) Vessels otherwise clean which have arrived from a listed port in an infectious area.

(c) None.



IV. PORT SANITARY REGULATIONS, 1936.  
(continued)

- (7) (a) None.  
(b) By arrangement with the Bridgwater Health Authority.  
(c) None.  
(d) Cases of Plague, Cholera, Yellow Fever, by arrangement with the Somerset County Council.  
Cases of Smallpox at the County Council's Hospital on the Polden Hills.  
Cases of other infectious diseases at the Axbridge Isolation Hospital.  
(e) The County Council's Motor Ambulance at Axbridge available.  
(f) By the Medical Officer of Health.  
(8) By the Somerset County Council Laboratory at Taunton.  
(9) - ditto -  
(10) At the Venereal Disease Clinic, Bridgwater.  
(11) By arrangement with the Borough Authority.  
(12) Nil.

Table C. - Not submitted, as no cases of infectious sickness have been landed from vessels during 1936, nor during the previous 5 years.

Table D. - No cases, therefore not submitted.

V. MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS.

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

No trouble has been experienced and no Rats discovered during the year 1936, therefore Tables E, F, G, and H, are not submitted.

VI. HYGIENE OF CREWS' SPACES.

Classification of Nuisances.

See attached Table J.

VII. FOOD INSPECTION.

- (1) No Foods have been imported coming under any of the Regulations referred to.  
(2) No Shell-fish beds or layings within the jurisdiction of the P. S. A., therefore no action taken under the Regulations referred to.  
(3) No samples of Food examined.







T A B L E " J " .

CLASSIFICATION OF NUISANCES.

Nationality of Vessel.	Number inspected during 1936.	Defects of original construction.	Structural defects through wear and tear.	Dirt, vermin and other conditions prejudicial to health.
British -----	269	2	4	10
Other Nations ----	21	-	2	5

